

CHARLESTON DAM PROJECT IS NEARER

A well attended meeting was held at St. David last night for the purpose of discussing matters connected with the Charleston dam project. Directors Wright and Curtis were present and Engineer Elliott. Some of the outstanding facts presented are as follows:

The estimated cost of the project is \$2,250,000.

The engineer has expended between 15,000 and \$16,000 thus far upon the work. Up to this point the matter has been financed by private funds and the enterprise has been affected somewhat by the stringent financial conditions. A final report is being withheld at this time until the Railroad company makes a definite location survey of the line to which their road will have to be moved. Mr. Elliott stated that he had made a survey sufficient for his own purposes, but the railroad preferred to make their own, and a survey by the railroad engineers has been arranged for. The estimated cost is \$1,500, but an expenditure of \$2,000 has been authorized for the survey by the railroad company as the outside figure. Mr. Elliott stated that he thought this item of \$2,000 should be charged to construction expense instead of to expense of preliminary survey, and that it was not included within his contract, but should be paid when the project had funds in hand for payment of construction expenses.

The estimated cost of moving the railroad is \$750,000. The railroad survey will probably be completed within sixty days, and the engineer expects to submit his report within thirty days thereafter. When his final report is in, details of the election will then be arranged.

The members of the Board of Directors have received \$3 per member, per meeting and some small traveling expenses. One regular meeting has been held each month, and two special meetings have been held so far. Warrants have been issued to Engineer Elliott to the amount of \$12,000. They have agreed to pay him \$15,000 as a contract price for the making of the preliminary survey, and in addition there to are paying him \$4,000 per annum salary as consulting engineer. The secretary draws \$60 per month. They have expended \$197 for a typewriter and \$150 for stationery. The budget included \$1,500 for legal advice, but up to date none of this fund has been expended.

Mr. Elliott stated that land which could not be irrigated for any reason would be excluded from the project, and other irrigable land of equal acreage would be brought in. He stated that anyone paying taxes on land not susceptible of irrigation would be reimbursed for the amount of taxes paid on such land.

It was suggested that taxpayers pay their taxes under protest, in order that their legal rights might be preserved.

The matter of compensation for irrigation works already constructed, such as those of Curtis, St. David and Pomeroy, were discussed at length, and Mr. Elliott said his survey and report would recommend that he new system be built around the works already in existence, and that any of the present works which would be used would be paid for the same as any other private property which had to be taken for the benefit of the project.

Mr. Elliott stated that the steps connected with the organization of the district had been submitted to two legal firms which had most experience in questions of irrigation and both had advised that the district was legally organized.

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MICKIE, THE PRINTER'S DEVIL



By Charles S. Hughes



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NOTED ARTIST FASCINATED BY PAINTED DESERT LAND

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz., Oct. 26.—Looping the Painted Desert in answer to the call of the open road is the annual pastime of C. M. Payne, artist-author of "Smatter Pop."

According to Mr. Payne a trip through the great "Color Country of the Navajos" is one of the most fascinating motor tours in the southwest. This is the way "Smatter Pop" describes it:

"Painted Desert? Yes, we have been there—not once, but three times. It's a weird country. A region full of thrills. No place for a tenderfoot with an uncertain motor car, but a great place for the man who wants something different. If you have confidence in your car and its ability to go the pace and bring you out to civilization again it's all right. We came through all three trips without a scratch and found them all so interesting we hope to go again this year."

"The best time of year? Well, that is a question, indeed. Probably May is as good as September, but during July and August that northern Arizona is subject to torrential downpours which occasionally create serious trouble. We got caught once in a 'dry' wash. We heard a rush and roar behind us—the storm itself was 20 miles away; we could see it in the distance. Before we could get out of the wash the water was up to our floor boards and I thought it was the last of us."

"That was where our motor car played the part of the hero and in real earnest. We had a four-passenger speedster and the way that super-swallowed to shore convinced us that a dependable car was worth while on a long distance trip."

Route to Follow.

"To see the Painted Desert follow the National Old Trail to Williams, there taking the road to Grand Canyon. After 'doing' the canyon go around on the Flagstaff route to the Tuba City road and cross the Little Colorado. Right there you enter the Painted Desert, the most wonderfully colored country of the southwest."

"At Tuba City the real trip commences. To the northeast the cliff dwellings of a prehistoric race, Monument valley of the San Juan where the Mittens of Mephistopheles tower a thousand feet sheer above the plateau. Through Marsh pass and southward in a great loop we pass Chin Lee and enter Canyon de Chelly (pronounced De Shey-yah) whose blood red walls rise sheer to awesome heights, which dwarfs mere man to insignificance."

"The de Chelly cliff dwellings in themselves are worth the entire trip. They are an education in prehistoric lore of America, and the canyon is one of the most tremendous in precipitous cliffs we have ever seen."

"Take it all together there is no trip which has a wider range of educational value and healthfulness than the loop through the Painted Desert. It has a fascination which, one enjoyed, grips the memory with such vivid color that the pleasure remains for all time."

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VEIL OF SECRECY IS LIFTED FROM CAMERON INDICTMENT

The "nose for news" of a Phoenix reporter may be the cause of the trial of Senator Ralph Cameron on a charge of perjury, contained in an indictment returned in June by the federal grand jury in Phoenix.

The mystery of how the indictment against the Republican senator from Arizona was kept secret and not acted on for almost four months was cleared up yesterday by the receipt from Phoenix of the "inside story" of the indictments:

Here it is: The indictment was filed on June 22, 1921. On that date a certified copy of the charges was transmitted to the department of justice, in Washington, D. C. It was apparently the intention of officials at Phoenix to refrain from making the indictment public until Washington authorities either took Senator Cameron into custody or decided not to take any action against him. Arriving in Washington the indictment was again kept from the public gaze, nor was any mention of it made by the attorney general's office.

Just how long the charges against Senator Cameron might have been kept under cover is not known. Whatever attempts were made to keep it from the public failed several days ago when a Phoenix reporter, (working for a Republican newspaper), happened to gain access to the minute book of the clerk of the federal court, without the permission of that official. The reporter's gaze fell on an entry that attracted his attention. It was the notation of the indictment returned by the United States grand jury against Senator Cameron.

Then the indictment ceased to be withheld from the public. Within a few hours the Associated Press had flashed word of it to every section of the country. Senator Cameron issued a statement declaring some indictment might have been returned against him for the alleged use of large funds during his campaign, but declared the charge filed by the federal grand jury was the work of "political foes" and that he could disprove the allegations of the indictment.

Attorney General Daugherty, said to have had a copy of the indictment in his department for several months, said he had "nothing to say." He issued no statement as to whether he had investigated the charges against the Republican senator or of what action, if any, he would take in the matter.

And that is how the issue stands: Senator Cameron was indicted four months ago, no action has been taken against him by the attorney general of the United States and just what action will be taken is not known.

Any further news on the Cameron indictment will probably come from Washington, if any action is taken.

MIKE CASSIDY STARTER AFTER HOTEL HIPPIERS

That all hotels in which either the proprietor or employees engage in the illegal dispensation of liquor in any form are to be closed for one year under the federal act prohibiting nuisances, is the latest move of the state prohibition director, Michael Cassidy, against the violators of the national prohibition act in Arizona. Orders to set this part of the machinery of the law in action against those engaged in illegal traffic in intoxicants were received by Director Cassidy Monday, and he announced immediately his determination to carry them into effect.

PROMINENT PHOENIX CITIZENS ARE SUED FOR \$4000 ALLEGED CUE ON BALL BILLS

PHOENIX, Oct. 27.—Thirty prominent citizens of Phoenix, members of the general committee in charge of the inaugural ball given for Governor Campbell at the time he took the oath of office following his re-election last November, are made defendants, jointly and severally, in a suit for \$4,000 and interest, filed in Phoenix.

The suit was filed by Clinton Campbell of Phoenix, to whom has been assigned the claims of an electrician, a furniture house, a plumber, a florist and carpenter, all of whom claim to have worked hard in order that Governor Tom's re-entrance to the state capitol might be heralded with a blaze of glory.

The inaugural ball, as will be remembered by all who read the social columns of the Phoenix papers, was a crowning social affair. And now, according to the suit, the only thing needed to make it a success for all concerned (including the electrician, the plumber, et al) is the payment of the various bills incurred by the general committee.

The Phoenix men named in the suit and from whom the \$4000 is sought are Col. E. P. Conway, Leroy Kennedy, president of the state federation of labor; C. K. Akers, B. M. Goldwater, Harold Hess, Abe Goldberg, C. F. Ainsworth, B. F. Marks, H. W. Ashbury, T. C. McReynolds, Dean William Scarlett, Donald Dunbar, Col. J. E. Thompson, Willis Plunkett, mayor of Phoenix; Royal Leecher, Cal Messner, J. C. Adams, E. W. Clayton, A. A. Korrick, N. A. Lytle, L. L. Steward, Frank Stewart, H. D. McVey, Warren McArthur, J. H. O'Reilly, C. M. Stoddard, Dwight B. Heard, Joe V. Prochaska and Mit Sims.

TO COMPLETE STATE HIGHWAY THRU BENSON.

Contractor H. M. Eckerman this afternoon received a telegram from State Engineer Thos. Maddock advising him that he had just received an agreement from the Southern Pacific Railroad company allowing the right of way through Benson on the State highway, which has been held up during the past ten months, and inquiring when he could begin work to complete the mile and a quarter section.

Mr. Eckerman notified the state engineer that he would begin work next week, as soon as he could gather his forces together and that it will require approximately four months to complete the section. One good sized bridge will occupy a good part of the time, Mr. Eckerman stated.

The work of completing the only link between Rodeo and Tucson which will make a through route on the Bankhead, has been held up ever since January due to failure of the railroad company to grant right of way through the main street of Benson, on railroad property. Despite hard work on the part of the state engineer and the board of supervisors the railroad company allowed the matter to drag along for months and the granting of the right today clears up the matter for early completion of the highway. Although only a little more than a mile, the stretch of road was one of the roughest on the route and everybody concerned could never understand the trivial delay of the railroad company. Mr. Eckerman will leave Tombstone in a day or two to marshal his forces in an effort to complete the job as soon as possible.

Phoenix issues building permits totaling \$216,861 during the month of September.

HOUSEL ASKED TO RESIGN AS CUSTOMS AGENT

DOUGLAS, Oct. 27.—C. A. House, deputy customs collector in charge of the port of Douglas has been asked to resign by the new collector for this district, Charles A. Fowler, it became known yesterday. Rumor to this effect has been circulated in Douglas since the visit of Mr. Fowler last week and was verified in an interview with Mr. House last night.

EXAMINATION FOR AN ELIGIBLE LIST FOR THE POSTOFFICE HERE NOV. 19

DOUGLAS, Oct. 27.—An examination for the purpose of establishing an eligible register from which to fill vacancies in the post office service, will be held here November 19, 1921. Applicants must be male citizens of the United States between the ages of 18 and 45; not less than five feet four inches in height, and weigh not less than 125 pounds.

There are no vacancies in the clerk or carrier force at the present time, and this examination is being held only to establish a register from which vacancies would be filled should any occur.

For application blanks and further information relative to this examination, apply to or address W. H. Jackson, Douglas postoffice.

NO JURY HERE UNTIL 21ST.

Vacating the former order calling for the drawing of the trial jury tomorrow to report here on the 14th of November, Judge Lockwood issued an order today extending the time until the 21st, when the jury will be called, drawing to be held the week previous.

Owing to the fact that there were only two cases set for trial during the week of the 14th the court thought it best to continue them until the end of the term and call the jury a week later, allowing them to remain until the calendar was entirely cleared. As a result the drawing of the jury will not be held until some time early in November, the calendar to begin on the 21st. This will not affect matters in Judge Sames' court, however, civil nonjury cases having been set for hearing beginning early in the month.

PENALTY TO BE ADDED TO UNPAID TAXES SOON

Only two more days remain in which the taxpayers can pay their first installment of state and county taxes for 1921-1922 without penalty. Gay C. Welch, county treasurer, announced yesterday. The first installment becomes delinquent at 5 o'clock on the afternoon of November 7, after which a penalty is added to the amount for non-payment. All persons who have not paid the first installment of their taxes for this year are urged to call and pay them as early as possible. By paying them before the last day the taxpayer will avoid the eleventh hour rush and the necessity of waiting their turn in line.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION HEARING NOGALES UTILITIES

NOGALES, Ariz., Oct. 26.—Members of the state corporation commission arrived here tonight and tomorrow will conduct a hearing on the complaint filed by the Arizona Gas and Electric company against the Nogales Electric company. Both companies are local concerns.

The complaining company charges that the Nogales Electric company has made a lower rate to the city of Nogales for electricity used for municipal purposes than is called for by its published tariffs.

NEW VICE CONSUL IN DOUGLAS DISPLAYING NEW MEXICAN MONEY

DOUGLAS, Oct. 25.—Mexico City was visited by thousands of Americans during the September celebration. Herberto Schultz, new vice consul for Mexico, in this city, reported upon his arrival yesterday. Mr. Schultz brought with him two of the latest coins from the Mexican consular yesterday afternoon.

Vice-Consul Schultz brought with him two of the latest coins from the Mexican mint. One was a dos pesos silver containing 24 grains of pure silver. The other was a 50 pesos gold piece in which 37.12 grains of pure gold were used. The value of the coins in American money is exactly one-half.

MISSING HUNTER IS FOUND EXHAUSTED NEAR JEROME

PRESCOTT, Oct. 27.—M. A. Patterson, cashier of the Bank of Clendenau, Arizona, who had been missing since last Friday when he left a hunting camp, was found today in an exhausted condition, according to word received here last night from Jerome. He had been without food for three days, it was reported.

Patterson had gone deer hunting last week with some companions. During the hunt, they separated and Patterson failed to return to the camp. Becoming alarmed at his continued absence, the members of the party organized searching parties to hunt for him in the heavily forested area of the "Mogollon Rim." Patterson is reported to have said he lost his way.

Nogales—Chamber of commerce launches campaign for construction of 160 mile railroad to Port Lobos.

Chandler—Paving of the downtown streets nearing completion.

Somerton—Casing for Colorado Oil & Refining Co.'s well received at site.



It's A Good Sign

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IT MEANS THEY REALIZE THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUTURE AND ARE GETTING MONEY AHEAD TO MEET IT.

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